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(*d*) under what class is Mr. M. Karunanidhi, one of the arrested leaders on 15th July 1953 at Dalmiapuram, placed in the Tiruchirappalli jail?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) The reports received by Government show that thirty-six persons were arrested on 15th July 1953.

" (*b*) Two persons are reported to have lost their lives as a result of the opening of fire by the police.

" (*c*) Sixteen persons (excluding police officers) are reported to have been injured. The Government have no information as to how many of these sixteen persons were injured as a result of the action taken by the police to disperse the crowd.

" (*d*) According to a telephonic enquiry made, the prisoner was placed in 'C' class. The Magistrate who convicted the prisoner had no powers to recommend classifying the prisioner 'A' or 'B' and no representation was made at that time. The question is treated as a representation and Government have ordered the prisoner to be put in 'B' class."

*Producers-*cum*-Consumer Societies in Malabar.*

* 1290 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there have been numerous cases of misappropriation of large sums of money in the several Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar;

(*b*) how such cases of misappropriation were dealt with and what has been the total amount detected to have been lost so far; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take to improve the working of these societies in future?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer furnished to the question (unstarred) No. 49 (82) answered on 16th July 1953."

Subsidy for cottage industries.

* 1291 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many societies for the development of Cottage Industries have been subsidised by the State Government during the years 1951–52, and 1952–53 and the amount of grant or subsidy paid each year; and

(*b*) how many of them are managed by the Harijans and the subsidy granted to them last year?